

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: ac7de6f6e4913bb9_0_embedded_1.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Applicant: New Zealand Defence Force Military Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

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Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 18 May 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication is an image of a person standing next to a goat with URLs promoting bestiality websites. It is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support bestiality under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. Although bestiality is not depicted, the only likely purpose for branding the image with URLs to bestiality websites is to advertise this material to people with an interest in sex with animals, thereby encouraging this illegal interest. The classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention to prevent the availability of publications that promote and support the crime of bestiality.